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Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of Working Group II

Draft recommendation to the Conference of the Parties on Programme of Work for the Committee on Science and Technology

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,

(a) Invites interested INCD members to contribute comments and views on a proposed programme of work for the Committee on Science and Technology, to be received by the interim secretariat by 15 October 1996;

(b) Requests the interim secretariat to prepare and report on a draft proposed programme of work based on such contributions for the Committee on Science and Technology for consideration at the tenth session;

(c) Requests the interim secretariat to identify bodies of other relevant organizations and Conventions performing work similar to the work envisaged to be undertaken by the Committee on Science and Technology, and to report to the tenth session on such work and possible areas of cooperation with such bodies;

(d) Encourages INCD members to make nominations for the roster of independent experts in accordance with the qualifications and criteria proposed for adoption at the Conference of the Parties by submitting such nominations through diplomatic channels to the interim secretariat;

(e) Requests the interim secretariat to compile a draft roster of independent experts, based on such contributions, for the Conference of the Parties.

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Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of Working Group II

Report on work being done on benchmarks and indicators to measure progress in the implementation of the Convention

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, taking note with appreciation of the report referred to in document A/AC.241/58, and noting with appreciation the progress accomplished on work being done on benchmarks and indicators to measure progress in the implementation of the Convention, requests the interim secretariat:

(a) To continue work on benchmarks and indicators (document A/AC.241/58) initially undertaken pursuant to decision 8/8, and in that connection to invite written contributions from any interested INCD members and competent organizations, to be received by the interim secretariat by 15 October 1996;

(b) In connection with the continuation of work referred to in (a), to establish, under its authority, an informal open-ended consultative process to expand on such work with the participation of any interested INCD member from any regional and/or subregional groups, and competent organizations, in addition to those members and governmental and non-governmental organizations referred to in the report referenced in A/AC.241/58;

(c) To report on the work undertaken in accordance with subparagraphs (a) and (b), with special emphasis on implementation indicators, for the tenth session.

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Draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, noting with appreciation the progress accomplished on the draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties on the basis of document A/AC.241/48/Rev.1, requests the interim secretariat to prepare a revised text for the tenth session reflecting the deliberations in Working Group II during the ninth session.

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